

1. Improved-coverage RF neurotomy instrumentation, comprising:
2 in introducer having a plurality of elongated, co-extensive cannula;
plurality of insulated, electrically conductive electrodes, one in each of the
4 cannula;
each electrode having a proximal end configured for attachment to a source of
6 energy and an exposed distal tip to deliver the energy to a localized region; and
wherein each electrode slides within its respective cannula so that the electrodes
8 together enhance energy coverage area.
2. The improved-coverage RF neurotomy instrumentation of claim 1,
2 wherein the distal tip of at least some of the electrodes is beveled to facilitate navigation.
3. The improved-coverage RF neurotomy instrumentation of claim 1,
2 wherein at least some of the electrodes are constructed of a shape-memory material to
control deployment.
4. The improved-coverage RF neurotomy instrumentation of claim 1,
2 wherein the cannula are generally parallel and lie in the same plane.
5. The improved-coverage RF neurotomy instrumentation of claim 1,
2 wherein the cannula are generally spoke-like in cross-section.
6. The improved-coverage RF neurotomy instrumentation of claim 1,
2 wherein the introducer is curved.
7. The improved-coverage RF neurotomy instrumentation of claim 1,
2 wherein at least one of the electrodes is radially deployed.

8. The improved-coverage RF neurotomy instrumentation of claim 1,
2 wherein at least one side port for the administration of an anesthetic.

9. The improved-coverage RF neurotomy instrumentation of claim 1,
2 wherein at least some of the electrodes slide independently.

10. The improved-coverage RF neurotomy instrumentation of claim 1,
2 wherein at least some of the electrodes slide in unison.